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MAYOR

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Mr. Gary S. Hartman
U.S. Department of Energy
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Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Dear Mr. Harman:

The City of Knoxville has a great interest in activities associated with the Department of Energy (DOE) facilities in Oak Ridge. For that reason, I am writing to provide comments on Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. For over fifty years the Y-12 Plant has played a critical role in ensuring our national security and many Knoxvilleians have been a part of this defense mission. Since many of the facilities at the Y-12 Plant are over forty years old, it is certainly appropriate that DOE pursue a major facility modernization.

I commend DOE for its preparation of the Draft SWEIS and want to go on record in support of the new construction of Y-12 facilities for the highly enriched uranium storage mission and the special materials mission. A modernized Y-12 Plant will ensure Y-12's ability for rapid response to its national security role while reducing operating costs and more effectively meeting health, safety and environmental requirements.

Thank you for consideration of these comments that I am requesting to be included in the public hearing record for the Draft SWEIS.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Ashe

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